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I would prefer any rule making concerning telemarketing calls to my private residence not interfere with the Indiana law concerning this problem.

Prior to being included in the do not call list, we were interrupted several times a day with unwanted calls to sell something, proposals to purchase dubious investments or time shares or equally dubious requests for contributions.

I have never responded to any of these except to request no further calls (ignored) or simply to hang up. Since inclusion in the "list" our phone is "ours" and not some telemarketer's tool. They frequently called during our dinner hour interrupting an otherwise pleasant time. I do support free speech but I should not be forced to support others using my money (the monthly phone bill) to annoy me. Should this rule be changed, then the called ID should be required to be displayed and the phone not blocked so I can return the calls when I wish as they do.

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